GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4227
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2005
COMMERCIAL UTILISATION OF LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways have formulated any comprehensive policy for commercial utilisation of land and air space of the railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount/ revenue earned by railways during the last three years by commercial utilisation of railway land and air space Zone-wise ; and

(d) the target set for revenue generation during the current financial year from commercial use of railway land and air space?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4227 BY SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.04.2005 REGARDING COMMERCIAL UTILISATION OF LAND.

(a) & (b): Railways have in place policy on commercial utilisation of railway land and air-space. As per this, the Railways put its vacant land/air-space for various commercial uses like plantation, pisciculture, way-leave etc. Some sites, where potential exists are also taken up for property development through transparent bidding procedure. The land is also given on long lease to Govt. Deptts./Public Sector Undertakings. Apart from commercial development of railway land/air-space, the vacant railway land which is not required for immediate operational and maintenance purpose, is utilised for short-term licensing for purposes connected with railway working (e.g., bulk oil installations, sidings, commercial, plots etc.)

(c) Total revenue earned by Railways during the last three years from land including property developments is given below zone-wise:

Rlys. Amount in Rs. '000 (in thousands)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 Up to Jan.'05
Central	113290	101384	84016
Eastern	81930	64716	39896
East Central	#	1520	3792
East Coast	#	15394	51397
Northern	349463	301521	592447
North Central	#	15914	19806
North Eastern	31681	57665	19251
Northeast Frontier	27302	81296	44821
North Western	#	66017	71716
Southern	126685	177396	145479
South Central	37275	74278	68934
South Eastern	50575	32830	17353
Southeast Central	#	21461	10059
South Western	#	11181	18946
Western	12974	50552	42172
West Central	#	275	18653
Metro	2973	767	0
TOTAL	834148	1074167	1248738

= Booking under these New Railways started from 2003-04.

(d) A target of Rs.150 crore was kept for the year 2004-05.